

Notes from CIE Brief February, 2011 – Focus on ACS

- **Hansen Center**

- The Hansen Center is now open for FRG meetings and Unit Events.
- It is a non-fee service facility
- You may bring food items for a \$50 refundable deposit
- Contact 502-624-1838 to reserve

- **LTG Freakley**

- Families are unaware of programs that are available to them.
- Single Soldiers
 - need help in reaching out to Soldiers and Families to let them know what opportunities and activities are available to them
- Armor School is on track to move down to Fort Benning
 - 300 employees have chosen to stay at Fort Knox and not leave with the Armor School.
 - About 700 homes currently occupied by Armor School Families will become vacant
 - This means there will be about 700 homes available to move into on Post
- The Museum is closed for updating and will be re-opened in April
 - It is being redone to tell the story of Fort Knox and the Units at Fort Knox
- New Dental Clinic is complete
- Just met with the mayors of the surrounding communities. Next will meet with the staff judge advocates.
 - The surrounding communities want to be inclusive of Fort Knox
 - Let LTG Freakley's staff know if there is anything you want or need from the communities
 - The Mayor of Louisville is hiring a military liaison
- Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Goal is to double or triple the participation from the last Blood drive
- Working on improving PX/Commissary
- Update from 3-1 in Afghanistan
 - One Soldier was killed and others were injured in a recent IED attack.
 - Partnering with the Afghan people and working with the Afghan Army

- **COL Schwartz**

- Next CIE will be 26 April
 - The focus will be on transforming Fort Knox
 - There will be a slide show of pictures of all of the upcoming changes
 - Fort Knox is currently 1 of 10 Installations going through a major transformation
 - an example is the relocation of the recycling plant far north in a new “industrial zone”
- In May, the focus of the CIE will be on Summer Fun
- In August the CIE will be on buses
 - The buses will take everyone to see all of the new homes and neighborhoods on Fort Knox
- 8 March – state wide tornado drill – on and off-post
- 25 March – Dueling Pianos returns to Fiddlers
- 16 April – Thunder over Louisville
 - Largest Fireworks displays in the nation
 - Air show
 - Must book Hotel now if you plan to go and stay the night
- 19 April – next blood drive
- The 13 August concert will be Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Doobie Brothers
- Gallotas Grill will be permanently closing on 1 March
 - Will become the Leaders Club South and will take overflow events from the leaders club
- Bullion Bingo will also permanently close on 1 March
 - Bingo at other locations, like the Bowling center
 - SKIES will extend into the Bingo Hall
 - Fri and Sat Evening Teen Center at Bingo Hall
- Studying overall swim programs on Fort Knox
- Potential of creating a women’s only fitness center on post
 - will see if there is enough interest
- Looking in to opening Commissary for 4 hours on Mondays
- In March the Library will be opening for Sunday hours
- Lengthening the hours of the fitness centers beginning 10 April
- In June there will be a new building for School Age Services Before/after school programs
- WTB Facility still has 6-8 months until completion

- Construction on Wilson Rd will begin in late Summer
- New and improved Fort Knox map will be ready by the end of the month
- **Director of ACS**
 - ACS is changing services to meet the needs of the new population
 - Let ACS know what it is they need to be providing
 - AER – 60% increase in AER assistance given out in past year
 - **New Financial Readiness Program Manager**
 - in contact w/ CDRs
 - CDR referral program – CDR can send Soldier over for less than \$1,000
 - more than \$2,500 has to be approved by Garrison
 - Going in to FRGs to do budget training
 - getting a lot of requests for retirement planning
 - ACS does not just give money and send the Soldier on their way, they look at the problem
 - **Employment Readiness**
 - Surge in this program
 - 13,000 clients in 1 year
 - working with CPAC
 - 23 Fortune 500 companies that signed an agreement not to discriminate against military spouses
 - 14 local companies also signed the agreement and send job openings to the Employment Readiness Manager
 - There is a CPAC office co-located within ACS
 - **Volunteer Programs**
 - Partnership with Vista, working with ACS to do volunteer recruitment
 - There will be a volunteer recruitment fair on 9 March
 - b/c of the amount of people living off-post, there is interest in volunteer opportunities off-post
 - VMIS trainings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month in the evening.
 - Fort Knox is the Pilot Program for giving volunteers Computer Access Cards (CAC)
 - **Relocation**
 - Newcomers Orientation - Changed in January
 - Once a month
 - Soldiers come in the morning, are served lunch and then attend an information fair after lunch

- Spouses who attend go on a bus tour of Fort Knox in the morning, have a picnic lunch at Camp Carlson and meet back with their Soldiers after lunch for the info fair
 - Do need people to register ahead of time. Last month 16 people registered, but only 3 came
- **Information, Referral and Case Management**
 - Seeing young Families coming in with very complicated problems
 - hired 2 new caseworkers to work complex cases
 - ex. recently had an abandoned Spouse
 - once crisis is over, they will work on resiliency trg
- **Family Advocacy Program**
 - Got state of KY to provide Child Protective Services on-post
 - They have office space in the ACS building
- **New Parent Support Group**
 - children from 0-3
 - Partnered with CYS for a play group on Friday mornings at 1000-1130
 - Because of partnership with CYS, age range is more like 0-5
 - Dad's are welcome
 - Staff is on hand to work with children and parents
 - also a parent to parent teacher from the Military Child Education Coalition
- **EFMP**
 - New Boundless playground at Eastman Park
 - received funds for passes to recreational events (bowling, zoo, etc)
 - go into ACS to ask for passes if you have Family member in the EFMP
 - Special Olympics on 7 March, call 502-624-4076 for more info.
- **Mobilization and Deployment**
 - Creating a Level 2 FRG Leader Trg
- **MFLC Program**
 - Garrison now has the authority to move MFLCs where needed
- **CARE Teams**
 - Consist of volunteers who are trained to go into a home and help immediately after the death/serious injury of a Family member
 - 68 volunteers trained so far
 - next trg 16 March, 0900-1230, call 502-624-3773 to register
- **School Liaison Officer**
 - working with CYSS on understanding deployments for all school personnel

- On 30 Nov 11 – 182 school educators were trained
- North Hardin Christian was 1st to be trained
- Schools are very appreciative of these trainings as they want to help the military children in their schools
- have trained most highly impacted schools
- making their way to every school in area with military children
- **Resiliency Training for Family Members**
 - New training
 - 3 new master resilience trainers
 - Upcoming intensive trg for Senior Spouses on 22 & 23 March 0900-1630
 - Can only take 14 people at one time b/c the training is so intensive
 - Trains Families how to bounce back after bad things happen
 - Every ACS will have the new training and trainers
 - ACS can also come out and train within the Units
- **Fort Knox Spouses and Community Club**
 - **Gold Rush** - 30 April – Wild West Event at Leaders Club
 - Silent and live auctions –
 - Tim French donated a car
 - Lifetime donated a day on the set of Army Wives (at the Season Finale Taping)
 - Saloon Girls performing
 - Gaming (Black Jack and Texas Hold ‘Em)
 - Need Volunteers for:
 - Dealers (Black Jack and Texas Hold ‘Em)
 - Wooden horses to be decorated for auction (they race the night of Gold Rush)
 - Donating themed baskets for auction
 - All funds raised go to the community (scholarships, helping hands, etc)
- **Red Cross**
 - next blood Drive 19 April, 0800-1700, Sadowski Field House
 - A hotline has been established for questions about whether or not you can donate
 - you may call 502-540-7163 or 502-609-7006 any time from 6am-2pm
 - Military Blood Services will also be there